

Hispanics and the Civil War: From Battlefield to Homefront

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The Sesquicentennial of the Civil War is a time to commemorate those who fought and died during this pivotal era in American history.

At the same time, it is an opportunity for us to renew our commitment to the ongoing march for freedom and equality for all people.

Secretary of the Interior
Ken Salazar

Captain Joseph de la Garza

INSTITUTE OF TEXAN CULTURES, HELEN YTURRI

*Loreta Velazquez,
Confederate wife,
soldier and spy.*

U.S. ARMY

*A mother and her
children on the homefront.*

PALACE OF THE GOVERNORS

*The 3rd New Mexico Volunteer
Infantry Living History Unit*

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*More than 20,000 Hispanics fought in the Civil War:
some for the Union and some for the Confederacy.
Thousands of Hispanic civilians experienced the war from the homefront.*

*Fort Union
National Monument*

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Antietam National Battlefield

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